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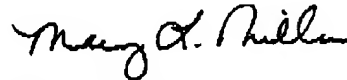
Claims 38-62 are pending in this application. Claim 38 is amended herein to correct an inadvertent typographical error, as explained below. No new matter has been added by this amendment and its entry is respectfully requested.

As pointed out by Examiner Sitton during a telephone conference with applicants' representative, Dr. Mary Miller, although claim 38 recites a set of nucleic acid segments for identifying the CCR5 haplotype group of both alleles of a human subject, wherein said set of nucleic acid segments comprises at least one nucleic acid segment capable of detecting each of the following haplotype groups, each CCR5 haplotype group (haplogroup) being described in terms of the nucleotides at positions 29, 208, 303, 627, 630, 676 and 927 of the human CCR5 sequence of SEQ ID NO:65, claim 38 also contains a description of each haplogroup according to nucleotide positions 29, 208, 303, 627, 730, 676 and 927 of the CCR5 sequence, which is inconsistent with the first recitation of nucleotide positions in this claim. Therefore, claim 38 is amended herein to correct this inconsistency so that claim 38 and all subsequent claims describe the nucleotide positions as 29, 208, 303, 627, 630, 676 and 927 of the human CCR5 sequence. Nucleotide position 630 is supported throughout the specification and in the original claim language and therefore no new matter is added by this amendment. Thus, entry and examination of the claims as amended herein is respectfully requested.

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No fee is believed due with this Second Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency associated with this filing or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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